

This holiday weekend serves as a reminder of the importance of our world's religions to worship free from persecution. That's why I became alarmed when I learned of the action the Government of Egypt recently took towards the small Egyptian Baha'i community. The Supreme Administrative Court of Egypt decided last Saturday to uphold the Egyptian government's discriminatory policy of prohibiting Baha'is from obtaining a national identity card. The court's ruling denies Egyptian Baha'is their rights as citizens of Egypt and would subject them to particular hardship in obtaining education, employment, and social services.

I joined with Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA) to write a letter to the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, expressing disappointment at the court's decision and urging the Egyptian government to remedy the situation.

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